blackmarketing, etc., lies with the State Governments under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and various regulatory orders issued thereunder.

(b) The Central Government on its part has taken various policy decisions to prevent hoarding of sugar. These include :

(i) The stock holding limits for sugar/ khandsari dealers have been reduced in January, 1994 as follows:—

1. For Calcutta and extended areas.

(a) Recognised dealers who import sugar from outside West Bengal—3500 quintals.

(b) Other dealers—250 quintals.

2. Other places.

(a) Cities and towns with a population of 1 lakh and more—250 quintals.

(b) Other towns and areas with a population of less than one lakh— 125 quintals.

3. Khandsari—250 quintals.

(ii) The turnover period for sugar/ khandsari stocks has been reduced from 15 days to 7 days for dealers.

(iii) Only one sale transaction by a wholesaler to another wholesaler, whether within the city or outside the city, is permitted and that too, if accompanied by physical delivery of stocks.

(iv) The sugar factories are required to sell and despatch at least 20% of the released monthly freesale quota of sugar during each week, instead of the fortnightly stipulation existing earlier.

The State Governments have been requested to ensure strict enforcement of' the aforesaid regulatory orders pertaining to sugar/khandsari dealers and also check unlawful trade activities through frequent inspection of their accounts and other records as well as their stocks.

(c) The price of freesale sugar in the open market has remained at reasonable levels during recent months. The wholesale price index of sugar which was 247.1 in June, 1994, came down to 231,5 in August, 1994 further to 228.0 in October, 1994 and for the month of November, 1994 it was 219.0.

Natioi.al Water Development Projects in Maharashtra

♦248. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the schemes which have been launched in Maharashtra under the National Water Development Projects;

(b) the amount allocated by the Central Government for each of the schemes;

(c) whether the World Bank is also rendering any financial assistance for these projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the progress made in the implementation of each of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Maharashtra Induction Training Programme (M1TP) has been launched under the National Water Management Project in Maharashtra.

(b) Rs. 405 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir. The expenditure incurred under MITP is fully reimbursible by the World Bank under the credit agreement for National Water Management Project.

(d) An expenditure of Rs. 343 lakhs has been incurred up to November, 1994 on the programme since its inception in 1987. 133 directly recruited officers and 78 trainee officers have been trained under the programme so far. The necessary training modules, audio visual aids and equipments have also been arranged in addition to creation of infrastructural facilities such as construction of residential and non residential buildings and computer centre.

Fund Earmarked for the Development of Slums

*249. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) how much funds have been earmarked for the development of slums in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the amount allocated to different States for that purpose;

(c) the yjar-wise details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by different State Governments for the clearance of slum* and for the development of slum areas in different cities ; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAJ^" DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No specific financial allocation for EIUS have been made for the 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The State-wise and year-wise allocation for the years 1992-93, 1993-94 & 1994-95 is given in slatement-I. The allocation for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 will be made by the respective State Governments in consultation with the Planning Commission while finalising the Annual Plan for those years, as this is a State Plan scheme.